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World Creativity and Innovation Day

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the Charter of the United Nations, including the purposes and principles contained therein, and the functions and powers of the United Nations system, especially in promoting international cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields,

Recalling the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which states that the organization, as part of its purposes and functions, will maintain, increase and diffuse knowledge by encouraging cooperation among the nations in all branches of intellectual activity,

Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

Reaffirming also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled "The future we want",[1]

[1] Resolution 66/288, annex.

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Underlining the need to focus on the importance of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular in promoting innovation, creativity and decent work for all, as recognized in its resolution 71/279 of 6 April 2017,

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Recognizing that sustainable development is a holistic concept that requires the strengthening of interdisciplinary linkages in the different branches of knowledge,

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3. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals.

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Oceans and the law of the sea: oceans and the law of the sea

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Accreditation and participation of intergovernmental organizations in the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 70/303 of 9 September 2016, and taking note of the note by the Secretariat,[1] decides to accredit the organizations identified in the note by the Secretariat and invite them to participate as intergovernmental organizations in the work of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, with observer status, in accordance with paragraph 15 of annex II to its resolution 70/303.

[1] A/71/863.

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Canada: draft resolution

United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2017/4 of 20 April 2017, in which the Council adopted the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 on the recommendation of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its special session held on 20 January 2017,[1]

Decides to adopt the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 as contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2017/4.

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United Nations forest instrument

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 62/98 of 17 December 2007, in which the General Assembly adopted the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests,

Recalling also its resolution 70/199 of 22 December 2015 on the United Nations forest instrument,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 2017/4 of 20 April 2017, adopted on the recommendation of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its special session held on 20 January 2017,[1]

Decides to amend the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 1 (b) of the United Nations forest instrument[2] to read:

To enhance the contribution of forests to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[3] and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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[1] See E/2017/10.
[2] See resolutions 62/98 and 70/199.
[3] Resolution 70/1.

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